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TO UN REGULAR BUDGET

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1. ST/ADM/SER.B/230 (STATUS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT JUNE 30, 1977, PAGES 5-13) SHOWS FOR EACH MEMBER STATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AMOUNTS ASSESSED, PAID, AND OWING TO THE REGULAR BUDGET. OF 147 MEMBER STATES, 80 ARE ASSESSED AT THE LOWEST -.02 PERCENT. THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED (MSA) NUMBER 45; AND OF THESE 41 ARE ASSESSED AT .02 PERCENT; THREE (BANGLADESH, EGYPT AND INDIA) ARE ASSESSED GREATER THAN .02 PERCENT; AND ONE (WESTERN SAMOA) WAS ADMITTED TO UN IN 1976 AND IS NOT YET ASSESSED. FOURTEEN MSA'S (AFGHANISTAN, BURMA, DEMOCRATIC
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YEMEN, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, LESOTHO, NEPAL, NIGER, PAKISTAN, SIERRA LEONE, SRI LANKA, UGANDA, AND CAMEROOS) HAVE THEIR ASSESSMENTS COMPLETELY PAID. ONLY 11 MSA'S (CAPE VERDE, GUATEMALA, GUYANA, IVORY COAST, KENYA, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, MOZAMBIQUE, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SOMALIA, AND TANZANIA) OWE PART OR ALL OF CURRENT YEAR'S ASSESSMENT. SIXTEEN MSA'S (BEN-

IN, BURUNDI, CAMBODIA, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, CHAD, GAMBIA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, HAITI, HONDURAS, MAGAGASCAR, MAURITANIA, MALI, SUDAN, UPPER VOLTA, AND YEMEN) OWE FOR PRIOR YEARS AS WELL AS CURRENTLY.

2. AT THE APPROACH OF 31ST SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA) 1976, EIGHT STATES HAD BEEN IN ARREARS SUFFICIENT TO BRING THEM WITHIN TERMS OF ARTICLE 19 OF THE CHARTER. NEVERTHELESS, BY BEGINNING OF UNGA, ALL EIGHT STATES HAD MADE NECESSARY PAYMENT TO REDUCE THEIR ARREARS FOR THE PRECEDING TWO FULL YEARS (1974 AND 75) AND RETAINED THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE.

3. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT, WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, EVEN THE MOST DISTRESSED OF MSA'S ARE ABLE TO PAY ENOUGHT OF THEIR ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN REGULAR BUDGET TO RETAIN VOTING ELIGIBILITY.

4. MISSION HAS NO OTHER INFORMATION TO INDICATE DEGREE TO WHICH ASSESSMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MAY STRAIN FINANCES OF MSA'S.

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